

WEATHER REPORT

OKLAHOMA—Friday rain; Saturday fair, cooler.
TULSA, March 25.—The temperature: Maximum 58; minimum 12; south winds and partly cloudy.

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WASHINGTON IS
QUET AFTER AN
EXCITING STIR

Settles Down to Await Definite News of the Capture of Villa.

DEBATE REACHES TO
CONGRESSIONAL HALL

Congressmen and Senators Point Out Sinister Motives in Rumors.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—With disquieting reports from Mexico officially denied from all sources, administration officials settled down again tonight to await word that Villa and his bandits had been captured or killed by American or Mexican troops. The apprehension aroused by reports that the Carranza garrison at Chihuahua city had joined the bandits had subsided practically. While congress still heard talk of rumors of impending border disturbances the White House, state and war departments were satisfied that nothing had arisen beyond the border to justify additional military precautions.

No confirmation had reached the war department of advices to General Calles, Carranza governor of Sonora, that Villa was surrounded by columns of Mexican and American troops near Nacaju. The day passed without messages of other than routine character from General Funston or other army officials on the border. It was noted at the war department, however, that General Funston placed some credence in unofficial reports that General Pershing's troops already had met and engaged the bandits. Since the American border commander is in a position to know the exact whereabouts of the American columns pursuing the bandits, his opinions in this connection have great weight.

No Revolt at Chihuahua.
The report that General Herrera and his garrison in Chihuahua had revolted was positively denied by American Consul Letcher at Chihuahua city. Reassuring messages came also from many points just beyond the border saying there was no indication that Carranza troops were being massed near the American line. The situation at Tampico was reported quiet in messages from the gunboat Machias and a later dispatch announced the arrival there of the battleship Kentucky.

With these official statements before them, in spite of alarming reports to the contrary reaching the government departments and members of congress from the various official sources, the president and his official family decided there was no necessity to call out the national guard for border duty. General Funston has not asked for additional troops since the Fifty cavalry and the Twenty-fourth infantry were ordered to join him. Consular reports from beyond the border say conditions are normal with no indications of demonstration toward the advance columns or toward American towns on the border.

Nothing in the Rumors.
Administration officials were much incensed over the circulation from the border of alarming rumors as to what was happening in Mexico. The most persistent had been that regarding the Herrera revolt which was transmitted by General Bell to General Funston and the source of which has not been disclosed.

It is believed a large part of these stories originate in the minds of interested persons who desire intervention. Secretary Lansing said. He added they could have no other purpose than to inflame the minds of the Mexican people.

Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee, made the same charge while endeavoring to check debate in the senate on the Mexican situation.

"An effort is being made by numerous sinister influences in Mexico and I am sorry to say outside of Mexico," said Senator Stone, "to excite the people of that unfortunate country and impress them with the idea that the United States is contemplating aggression against the whole people. There are influences at work and we know it in this country and in Mexico, sometimes co-operating and at other times not, to create a condition in Mexico that will embarrass this government in carrying out its purposes, precipitate a situation the end of which we know not."

Say Acts are Treason.
Discussion began in the senate when Senator Lewis, Democrat, offered a resolution asserting that American authorities have knowledge that Villa is being financed from foreign countries and from the United States and proposing to brand persons giving such aid to the bandits as "guilty of actual treason." No action was taken and the debate soon ended.

Several messages from border states were read telling of apprehension in border towns. Senator Ashurst of Arizona made public a telegram from Douglas, saying a force of ten thousand Carranza troops with six cannons was concentrated within fifty miles of that place and protesting that American troops in the vicinity were not permitted to make preparations for defense.

"Help us before it is too late," the message said.

Woman Who Was Villa's Prisoner
Finally Recovers Her Missing Baby

Mrs. MAUDE HAWK WRIGHT. ©HIL FILM SERVICE.

Mrs. Maude Hawk Wright was captured by Villa and his band, her husband was shot and her baby was given to a Mexican family. Mrs. Wright was forced to travel with the Villa troop for nine days, as she had overheard the plans of the raid on Columbus.

During that time her bravery astonished the Villa troops that they pronounced her the bravest woman that ever lived. This good opinion gained her liberty, for she was allowed to go after the Columbus fight.

Her baby was recovered by some of the Carranza soldiers and has been restored to Mrs. Wright.

NEED MORE TROOPS
ALONG THE BORDER

Sheriff Is Not an Alarmist, but Believes in Ample Protection.

CALL FOR MILITIA?

Governor Ferguson and Adjutant Both Say They Know Nothing of It.

EL PASO, March 24.—Evidence of the seriousness with which the local authorities regard the border situation was supplied tonight in an announcement by Sheriff James Edwards that he had telegraphed Governor James E. Ferguson that he believed the state militia should be sent to the frontier.

Sheriff Edwards said he did not wish to be considered an alarmist, but that development in Mexico convinced him additional protection was needed for Americans along the border. He refused to give the wording of his telegram or say how many additional troops he thought necessary.

The action of Sheriff Edwards following that of the Arizona authorities in directing that the border companies of militia of that state be recruited to full war strength gave renewed force to the tension which early in the day showed signs of relaxing.

Local Officials Alarmed
There is a sharp difference in the point of view between federal and local officials.

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MINERAL RIGHTS
BILL IS FAVORED

WASHINGTON, March 24.—A favorable report on the house bill for leasing mineral rights on public lands was ordered today by the senate public lands committee with an amendment eliminating coal and sodium lands from its provisions. As amended the measure would direct the secretary of the interior to lease for twenty year periods with the right of extension for ten years public lands containing phosphate, oil, gas or potassium.

Another amendment is designed to relieve California oil operations located on lands withdrawn from entry by President Taft in 1909.

It provides that such operators shall not be affected by the withdrawal of order if they have done a substantial amount of work and discovered oil or are diligently pursuing their operations.

The bill would prevent assigning or subletting leases except under direction of the secretary of the interior.

EXPECT BATTLE
WITH VILLISTAS
AT ANY MOMENT

General Pershing, Near Nacaju, Reports to General Funston.

VILLA THOUGHT TO
BE NEAR AMERICANS

Some Trouble Is Experienced in Getting Provisions to Troops.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 24.—General Pershing's report to General Funston that two columns of his expeditionary force were in the vicinity of Nacaju, 120 miles south, east of Casas Grandes, and repeated reports from Mexican sources that Villa with a comparatively small force had been forced to a stand at El Oso near there, caused officers here to expect news at any time of a battle. General Funston thought it probable that an engagement might already have occurred.

General Pershing referred today for the first time since last Monday to his operations south of Casas Grandes, but his report contained little information and none concerning any encounter between Villa and American soldiers or troops of the de facto government. He said Villa had last been reported at Nacaju. His report was dated today, reached Columbus by wireless and was transmitted by telegraph to Fort Sam Houston. It was taken by army officers here to indicate that either an engagement was fought yesterday with Villa, or that General Pershing had not learned of it.

Villa Army Defeated.

Consul Beltran of the Mexican government received a message late today from Consul Garcia at El Paso saying confirmation had been received of the report that Villa had been defeated yesterday in the Santa Gertrudis canyon by the American and Mexican forces and that he had fled to El Oso, five miles from Nacaju where he was surrounded. The consul added that one of the American officers had reported to General Pershing that they would attack Villa today.

The American troops near Nacaju moved south and east from Casas Grandes over the trail that passes through Valle and Cruces, Valle, 55 miles from Casas Grandes, was selected by General Pershing as the report base. He said in his report to General Funston. The fact that he mentioned two columns as having reached points near Nacaju caused it to be believed here that he had called back the third column dispatched from Casas Grandes the first of the week from the trail leading to Carmen, and sent it south from Galeana to join the Seventh cavalry on its way south through Valle.

That General Pershing is meeting with some difficulty in provisioning his detachment, now more than two hundred miles from the border, was indicated by a statement in his report that unless he could use the North-western railway for transportation he would need more auto trucks.

Young Business Man
of Lawton Ends Life
With a Small Rifle

Special to The World.

LAWTON, March 24.—Jesse Attaway, aged 21, proprietor of the city meat market, committed suicide this morning in a barn at the rear of his home by shooting himself. He was the son of a well-known local family. He was found in a dying condition by his mother, who notified the officers and physicians who had him removed to the Southwestern hospital, where he died at 2:10 o'clock this afternoon.

He left a note directing the disposition of his life insurance. Financial difficulties are supposed to have caused him to commit the act.

Sink Steamer in Channel.
LONDON, March 24.—It is reported that a cross-channel passenger boat was sunk in the English Channel this afternoon.

Continental traffic office of the Brighton railroad says that according to reports received by it all persons on board the steamer were saved and the vessel is still afloat at 10:30 p. m.

The Central News agency says the steamer was the Sussex and that she was torpedoed off Beachy Head. The agency gives the number of passengers as 189, a few of whom were British. The vessel was under the command of Captain Moutlet, while the crew numbered forty, most French.

"I think it probable that there were a number of Americans among the passengers of the Sussex," said Robert P. Skinner, the American consul-general in reply to a question by the Associated Press, "because in the last few days my office has issued passports for many Americans going to France." At both the American embassy and consulate-general there were rumors that the ship had been torpedoed, but neither had received any details.

Traveling as "Eloping
Coupe" Man and Wife
Are Caught by Posse

Paul V. Hadley and His Girl Bride Are Arrested After They Spent Many Hours Rambling Across Furrowed Oklahoma Lands; Are in Jail.

"Good, Good, Good," Cries Little Woman When She Hears Man She Shot Is Dead; "Keep Your Mouth Shut," She Commands Husband—and He Does.

Special to The World.
MUSKOGEE, March 24.—Paul V. Hadley and his young bride of Beaumont, Texas, are tonight the prisoners of Sheriff J. W. McCune of McIntosh county, Okla., and the body of Sheriff Jake Giles of Beaumont, whom they are accused of slaying while all three were passengers on a Missouri, Kansas & Texas train early this morning, lies in an undertaking parlor of Checotah, from where it will be sent to Beaumont for burial.

Hadley and his wife were captured late this afternoon by Sheriff McCune and a posse after a search which lasted from 1:30 o'clock Friday morning until just about midnight tonight. The couple was surrounded at the home of a farmer, Hiram Early Mountain, three miles from Ponca, Okla., and nine miles from Checotah. Mrs. Hadley's first question was "Is the sheriff dead?" and when the answer came in the affirmative she clapped her hands and cried: "Good, good, good."

Over plowed fields traversing unknown prairies making their way over a country which they confessed they did not know for Oklahoma, Kansas or Texas, Hadley and his bride sought refuge after the killing at a farmhouse of Mountain, to whom they told their story and who agreed to shelter them. The threat of the pursuing posse to fill the house and its occupants with bullets finally brought the couple from their haven and they were brought back to Checotah just 16 hours after they had left it in flight. According to McIntosh county officers, Mrs. Hadley admits that she shot Sheriff Giles.

Officers Puzzled.

Why she did so she refused to say and her apparent unconcern is causing wonderment. In all the experience of the peace officers in this section of Oklahoma, which has long been known as the home of bandit gangs, they declare they have never met with such a brazen exhibition of nonchalance as that shown by the girl wife of Hadley, who, admitting that she killed Giles, refuses to tell why and refuses to allow her husband to open his mouth in regard to the affair. "Keep your mouth shut," she commands her husband, and he obeys. In the meantime the girl chats gaily with officers, "kiss" them for not being able to capture her sooner, dares them to "do your worst," and whistles popular tunes. She declares that she is not afraid of

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DOWNSTAIRS ROOMS
FOR REPUBLICANS
GIVEN CLEAN BILL
ON FALSE PRETENSE

Secure Whole Lower Floor of Building in Heart of the City.

EVERYONE INVITED
Located at 20 West Third; Policy of Much Work and No Talk.

THE whole lower floor of a building in the very heart of the business district of Tulsa has been secured as Republican headquarters during the present city campaign. The headquarters will be located at 20 West Third street, in the old Seaman building, now the Gillette building.

Workers were busy yesterday cleaning out the room and installing furniture and fixtures. The place will be open to the general public today and all voters are invited to visit the headquarters. There will be clerks on hand day and night. There will be meetings each afternoon and evening of the city committee, precinct workers and special committees of all sorts.

Campaign Manager A. A. Small announced yesterday that E. O. Lingo

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Probe in Seminole County.

Special to The World.
TULSA, Okla., March 24.—According to advices received by Fred Parkinson, state examiner and inspector, injunction proceedings have been instituted in Seminole county stopping the payment from county funds of the salaries of deputy inspectors of the state who have been making an examination of the records of certain ex-county officers in that county. Mr. Parkinson said the examination will not be stopped, but that the work will be completed. Alleged shortages have already been found running into the thousands of dollars.

WILLARD-MORAN RETURNS

Complete returns on the Moran-Willard fight in New York will be received and megaphoned at The World office tonight. The Associated Press leased wire in The World office will lead directly to the ringside at Madison Square Garden and the news will be flashed as each blow is struck. The bout, which is the most important pugilistic contest since Willard won the championship from Johnson, is scheduled to start at 9:30 o'clock, New York time, which is equivalent to 8:30 o'clock Tulsa time. The first bulletins probably will begin coming shortly after 8 o'clock. Remember The World's free service on the Willard-Johnson fight? Sure you do. Well, be there tonight, then. Fourth street, between Main and Boulder, is the place. Join the crowd.

AMERICANS ON
STEAMER THAT
IS IN DISTRESS

Cross Channel Vessel Suspect Is Believed to Have Been Torpedoed.

RESCUE BOATS ARE
READY TO ASSIST

Sixty-eight Persons on Another British Boat Sunk Are Rescued.

WITH 386 passengers, probably some of them Americans, and a crew of about fifty on board, the cross-channel steamer Sussex, plying between Folkestone, England, and Dieppe, France, is in distress in the English channel off Dieppe.

Northwest reports say the vessel was torpedoed. At last reports rescue boats were standing by.

The British steamer Englishman has been sunk, but whether by a mine or torpedo has not been stated. Sixty-eight persons on board were rescued. Whether this number constituted the entire ship's company is not known.

It is still in the French and Russian war theaters that the heaviest battles are in progress but fighting also continues in the Austro-Italian zone, in Serbia, near the Greek frontier, and in Asiatic Turkey.

French Bombardment.

The French are keeping up their vigorous bombardment of the woods of Malancourt and Avocourt northwest of Verdun which are held by the Germans and also are hammering away with their guns at German lines of communication in the eastern fringes of the Argonne forest.

North and east of Verdun an intermittent bombardment by the Germans of French second line positions is still going on with the French replying energetically.

The only infantry encounter along the western front took place in the Argonne forest where the Germans gained a portion of a French first line trench but were expelled from it by a counter-attack and lost some thirty men taken prisoner.

All along the Russian front from the region of Friedrichsdorf to the district around Vilna the Russians and Germans are hard at grips. Petrograd says that near Wlady, between Pivinsk and Vilna the Russians forced all the German lines and barbed wire and repulsed a vigorous German counter-attack.

Battle in Blizzard.

Berlin, however, says that here the Russian attacks failed with heavy losses before the German entanglements.

Bad weather prevails in the Austro-Italian theater, but notwithstanding a blizzard, the Italians have attacked and occupied Austrian positions in the Gardone valley.

Berlin reports that in the region of Glevak on the Serbo-Greek frontier artillery duels have been in progress. The statement does not give the nationalities of the contending batteries. The defense of the British position on the right bank of the Tigris river near Fakhri is chronicled by Constantinople. The report also says Turkish airplanes have been dropping bombs on Kut-el-Amara where a British force is under siege.

HOPKINS ON STAND
IN HIS OWN BEHALF

Enters General Denial to all Charges Brought by the State; Juries Visits Murder Scene

Special to The World.
LAWTON, Okla., March 24.—The defense in the Hopkins' murder trial is expected to close its case tonight or early tomorrow morning. For four hours Friday afternoon and evening the defendant, George Hopkins, was on the stand. He denied practically every statement which was made by Tom Coley, the negro, whose confession implicated the defendant in the murder of A. T. Hopkins.

He denied having ever eaten or slept at the negro's home while in Oklahoma City and denied ever having had any conversation with Coley relative to murdering his father. All important testimony introduced by the state was emphatically denied by the defendant whose direct examination was conducted by Attorney Herman Pruitt. The defense Friday introduced a number of witnesses to show where the defendant ate and slept during the months of September and October while in Oklahoma City. The jury was this afternoon taken to the scene of the murder and inspected the barn and surroundings. The jurymen also visited the cellar where Hopkins and Coley are alleged by the state to have had conversation by means of a dictograph. The case will undoubtedly be closed Saturday, but it is not anticipated that arguments will be made before Monday.

Socialists Split in Germany.
BERLIN, March 24.—(By wireless to Tuckertown.)—The long expected split in the German Socialist party, as the result of the political situation created by the submarine warfare controversy in the reichstag, occurred today. A new party consisting of 18 Socialist members was constituted by the radical wing after a Socialist caucus had decided to exclude Deputy Haase for a breach of discipline.